

GMA rating unchanged despite poll fraud raps

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

DESPITE allegations of electoral fraud and growing public pessimism about the economy, President Macapagal-Arroyo's ratings did not go down after the May 10 elections.

Pulse Asia said the President's approval rating stayed the same between February and June, as did her trust rating.

Pulse Asia's latest survey taken June 22-July 3 showed that Ms Macapagal received approval and trust ratings of 55 and 52 percent, respectively.

It said the figures did not change much from those prior to the May 10 elections.

Ms Arroyo's approval rating in February was 53 percent; her trust rating in April was 53 percent.

"Amid the growing pessimism among Filipinos as well as the allegations... of massive cheating [in the elections, the] President still succeeded in scoring majority approval and trust ratings that were not significantly different from the ratings recorded prior to the elections," Pulse Asia said.

The survey found that 59 percent, or six in 10 Filipinos, considered themselves to be worse off now, compared to 49 percent in the February survey.

Analysts, however, expect Ms Macapagal's ratings to improve after she obtained overseas worker Angelo de la Cruz's release from his Iraqi captors.

The survey had 1,200 adult respondents nationwide, and a margin of error of 3 percent.

Pulse Asia said 22 percent of Filipinos disapproved of Ms Arroyo's performance, while another 22 percent were ambivalent.

Some 27 percent could not decide whether or not to trust the President; 20 percent distrusted her outright.

The President appeared to enjoy the highest approval rating among Visayans (65 to 70 percent), rural Mindanaos (66 percent), and farmers and fishermen (62 percent).

Conversely, those most critical of her performance were from Metro Manila (30 percent) and urban Mindanao (28 percent), and private sector employees (29 percent).

Likewise, Ms Macapagal posted a very high trust rating among Visayans (63 to 68 percent), rural Mindanaos (63 percent), farmers and fisher folk (62 percent), and those in the rural areas (60 percent).

Distrust of the President was highest in Metro Manila (32 percent), urban Mindanao (28 percent), and among the upper class (43 percent).

While the President's ratings remained steady, those of other top government officials rose by 4 to 8 points between February and June.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide posted the highest gain, from 41 to 49 percent.

Former Vice President Teofisto Guingona's performance rating went up from 41 to 46 percent; Senate President Franklin Drilon, 51 to 56 percent, and Speaker Jose de Venecia, 42 to 46 percent.

According to Pulse Asia, only 13 percent of Filipinos thought they were better off now, compared to 19 percent in February.

More Filipinos saw themselves as becoming worse off in the year ahead. The survey said 39 percent expected to be worse off in the year ahead, compared to 23 percent in February.

Pulse Asia said the pessimism cut across geographic lines, with the biggest proportion of doomsayers in Mindanao.

The survey also found that bringing down the high prices of basic commodities was the most urgent national concern of Filipinos.

Their health, meanwhile, was their most urgent personal concern.

Marijuana still top drug of choice for 180M users

By Nelson F. Flores

ABOUT three percent of the world's population, or some 185 million people, are drug users and the most widely abused drug is cannabis or marijuana.

According to the recently published World Drug Report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), cannabis is closely followed by amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) like shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride). But in terms of impact on health measured by demand for treatment services, opiates remain the most serious problem drugs in the world.

The report further said that "countless more people around the world are involved in the production and trafficking of illicit drugs, and still more are touched by the devastating social and economic costs of this trade. These people live in both developed and developing countries, are rich and poor, healthy and unhealthy, citizens and refugees."

In the Philippines, the most recent government figures released in 1999 showed that there were at least 1.8 million regular drug users and 1.6 million part-time users and the most abused drug was shabu followed by marijuana and Ecstasy, another ATS-based drug.

Marijuana was cultivated in only nine identified sites in 1972, but today the number of plantations has increased to 120 located in nine regions of the country.

In 2002, government efforts to stop marijuana cultivation resulted in the uprooting and burning of 5.11 million plants and seedlings, and in 2003 5.29 million plants and seedlings were uprooted and burned.

In the first quarter of this year, 1.5 million marijuana plants and seedlings were destroyed and 21.5 kilos of leaves, six grams of seeds, 118 sticks, 5.97 grams of hashish and 23 grams of marijuana tea bags with a total estimated value of P265.86 million were confiscated.

As for shabu, in the first quarter of 2004, nine transnational and 164 local groups dealing in the drug were known to be operating in the country. Of the local groups, 16 have been neutralized.

According to Undersecretary and Dangerous Drugs Board Executive Director Jose Calida, shabu used to be smuggled into the Philippines in processed form. Since 1997, however, there has been a trend to manufacture the drug in the country.

The UNODC has launched a worldwide campaign emphasizing the importance and effectiveness of drug treatment - to drug dependents as well as to the general public.

Pagcor better under DOF, says bishop

By Blanche S. Rivera

BETTER the Department of Finance than the Office of the President.

Placing the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor), one of the biggest revenue-generating government-owned corporations, under the DoF would ensure more safeguards against the controversial policies and allocations that had been plaguing the agency, the Catholic Church's leading antigambling advocate said.

Pangasinan Archbishop Oscar Cruz also

said DoF officials had the integrity, competence and time to oversee the operations of the agency overseeing legalized gambling.

"This is good because the Office of the President does not have enough time to oversee it. It is better in a way because the Office of the President is loaded with a lot of agenda," Cruz said.

Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong announced on Tuesday that Malacañang was drafting an executive order that would place Pagcor under the DoF by 2005 in order to make better use of its earnings.



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL

The House of Representatives, through Speaker Jose de Venecia, recently awarded the Congressional Medal of Merit, given so far only to foreign heads of state, to two Filipino institutions and a naturalized Filipino. Fr. Pierre Tritz, S.J., founder of the Erda Foundation, was cited for the support Erda has given since 1974 to children from the poorest families in school, preventing them from becoming dropout statistics. The Earthsavers Dreams Ensemble, founded by Cecile Guidote Alvarez, Magsaysay Awardee for Theater and now Presidential Assistant on Culture, was cited for its efforts in molding physically disabled and marginalized youths into performing artists. The Philippine National Oil Company, represented here by PNOC President Thelmo Y. Cunanan, was recognized for winning the prestigious Energy Globe Award for its Solar Home Systems Distribution Project, which bested 972 energy projects from 95 countries last November in Austria.

Tug-of-war for Ping seen

By TJ Burgonio

ADMINISTRATION senators are wooing Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson into their ranks even as the opposition thinks about welcoming Lacson back into its fold.

Lakas Sen. Juan Flavio confirmed yesterday that the Senate majority has taken steps to take Lacson in from the cold.

Lacson, a member of the opposition Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, was rejected by the LDP as a presidential candidate in favor of actor Fernando Poe Jr. in the recent elections.

With Rep. Butz Aquino, he set up a break-away LDP wing that became the vehicle for his candidacy.

"I'm sure there are efforts to convince him to join the majority... My guess is that Senate President Drilon is the one taking steps in that direction," said Flavio who retains his post as Senate President Pro Tempore.

Drilon has said that he would "discuss the matter" with the rest of the administration senators, possibly during a party caucus next week.

The INQUIRER tried but failed to reach Lacson for comment.

Flavio said Lacson's defection would be a

welcome development and a boost to the 14-man majority in the Senate.

"Politics is addition. What would be my reaction to his joining us? Positive," he said.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel has said that while he has no doubts about where Lacson's loyalty lay, the opposition has to decide whether to re-admit him despite some reservations.

Corrections

COLUMNIST Belinda Cunanan in her column yesterday titled "A question of trust," said that former Prime Minister Jose Ma. Aznar's party is the Socialist Party. His party is the Partido Popular, the Conservative Party.

IN THE story "Uncovering Baguio's history via stamps" in the July 21 issue, Page A22, Queen Isabel II of Spain was erroneously identified as the daughter of King John II with his second wife Isabel of Portugal. The queen was the daughter of Ferdinand VII of Spain with his fourth wife Maria Cristina of Naples.

There was no spotlight on this happy homecoming

By Alberto Papa

SPRINGFIELD, La. — Cris's homecoming was not the only happy one.

Like most teenage Cris de Cruz, the soldiers who were members of the Philippine contingent in Iraq also enjoyed special moments with their families, often away from the spotlight.

For Editha Baltes, 42, wife of Petty Officer 3 Jesus Baltes, getting helped her get through the 11-month separation from her husband and her concerns for his safety.

"I stayed in Cebu almost nine years of time," Editha told the Inquirer in Filipino.

While her husband was in Iraq, she tried as best as she could to follow developments in that country. "I felt that he was in some sort of danger. But when I talked to my children, I told them their father would be home soon and to pray for him, and he has just been released."

The couple were married in 1980 and have three children, Editha, Jesus and Joanne. Though Editha said, her seven-year-old Joanne was not used to anyone the absence of her father.

For 10 months, Editha said she had to wait for word from a month phone calls to her first husband. According to Jesus, his wife had expressed concerns about his safety. "But I told her not to worry, that we were safe there."

Jesus, a native of Borac, is a lean and well-built man. His voice was hoarse. Even his 23 years in the service. He is also somewhat of a shy guy in a soldier, something that some friends with him find difficult understanding.

"That's part of our duty as soldiers. We go where we are ordered to go. There is nothing much I can do about these assignments, but I am used to it already," Jesus told the Inquirer.

Editha said she walked her father-in-law's steps. Some would not have to leave the country. "We have not to talk about it but if I had to choose, I would rather be deployed here with him," she said.

Jesus seemed more concerned. "My last assignment will totally depend on my superiors. Again, that part of my duty as a soldier."

Two other day soldiers, Jesus and nine members of the Philippine contingent arrived at the Brooke Hospital International Airport. Editha and her children were waiting for them to get out.

"Finally I could be with him and his family. We are happy to be home because he has been away for so long," Editha said.

The images of Editha and Jesus leaving through a plane door showed an evening TV broadcast their happy reunion.

Editha said she was happy that despite de Cruz was home, admitting that she had feared the truck driver would be involved in long captivity so that her husband could come home.

Revive rule of law, lawyers urged

THE PRESIDENT of the Philippines has urged members of the Philippine Bar Association (PBA) to be in the forefront in the restoration of the rule of law to help the country's economic growth, stability and progress in governance.

In a speech at a recent business luncheon of the members of the PBA at the Grand Hyatt, De Castro reminded the lawyers that they are the first, and last, private appointment by people in search of justice as officers of the court and as such a special duty to help the state.

Recalling his days as a media man when he was at the forefront of every issue and report, De Castro observed that every political controversy, every social scandal and every crime case is a reflection of the rule of law.

"The rule of law is the cornerstone of the strength of the state. It is the key to the economic growth, which is the key to the nation's progress, poverty, criminality and corruption," the vice president of the PBA said.

In the same gathering, De Castro also urged the members of the PBA to take the lead in bringing back the traditional justice system of the Philippines, the time to address the rule of law and order problems.

Despite pullout from Iraq, RP sends 10 more cops to Kosovo

By Christian N. Equiano

DESPITE the international backlash caused by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the Philippine government yesterday deployed 10 policemen to join its contingent in Kosovo to join the United Nations.

The move, led by Chief Insp. Benjamin Garcia, sends 10 policemen to 10-15 plus the contingent in Kosovo to join the United Nations.

The deployment, on two days after the controversial pullout of Filipino troops in Iraq, was considered a move to

showcase that the Philippines had stepped up its commitment to the international community.

"It's just their spirit," Chief Insp. Benjamin Garcia said. "Chief Insp. Benjamin Garcia said the deployment of the Philippine contingent to Kosovo is a move to

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stepped up its commitment to the international community.

The Philippines also has 30 policemen belonging to the UN peacekeeping mission in Liberia. Another group of 10 officers are serving in East Timor as part of a separate UN mission there.

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Strike three for Gringo at SC in Oakwood case

By Philip C. Tulares

THE SUPREME COURT yesterday pushed for the third time Justice Antonio "Tito" Guevarra's dismissal to stop the Department of Justice's investigation of his alleged role in the July 10 Unsubud meeting last year.

In a six-page resolution, the justices dismissed for lack of merit Guevarra's motion for reconsideration asking the court to stay the DOJ's jurisdiction over the case.

The final majority votes to reverse our earlier findings that the DOJ has no concurrent jurisdiction to conduct the preliminary investigation in the charges of conspiracy filed against Guevarra, the SC said.



GUEVARRA

The court rejected Guevarra's claim that the DOJ acted in excess of its jurisdiction. It was found that the DOJ's investigation was not a preliminary investigation but a full-fledged investigation. As such, it is within the DOJ's jurisdiction.

"The court finds the [allegation] to be lacking in factual foundation. Whatever remedy is made in connection with the DOJ's motion for reconsideration would be a waste of time and resources," the justices said.

The court also dismissed the Guevarra's contention that the court should have ruled on the issue of whether or not the charges against him were committed in relation to his office.

Guevarra had said that the Office of the Ombudsman had the power to investigate over his case since the crime he was accused of was allegedly committed in relation to his office as senator.

"We are not persuaded. Such issue should only be resolved after a hearing had been conducted by the DOJ and Guevarra has already presented his evidence to show that the crime charged was committed in relation to his office," the justices said.

Justice Secretary Ma. Remedios Tringon said that the DOJ would wait for the court's judgment in the case before it proceeds with the preliminary investigation of the conspiracy against Guevarra.

The said Justice Secretary would be given 15 days to submit his counter-affidavit and return the case to the DOJ.

The Criminal Investigation and Detection Group charged Guevarra before the DOJ after allegedly attended several meetings with security leaders before July 27, 2007 and told them that his proposed security program was going to be implemented only after the administration is violently overthrown.

If the DOJ finds probable cause against Guevarra, he would be charged before the Manila Regional Trial Court last November.

But unlike the witnesses charged with which he has been granted bail, Guevarra would not be free while the court hears his case since conspiracy is a non-bailable offense.

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Gospel: Mt 12:18-23

Jesus said to his disciples, "There shall be the sign of the Son of Man."

When a person hears the message of the Kingdom, he will believe it in himself, the devil, the world, and the flesh. This is the sign of the Son of Man.

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China steps up war preparations

BEIJING (UPI)—China has stepped up its preparations for war with Taiwan as its commander-in-chief of Taiwan, a so-called "warlord,"

The generalissimo, Ma Ying-jeou, said a high-level conference was recently held in Taipei "to speed preparations for military war."

Qinghai province's military, a local military newspaper, said the conference was held in the province's capital, Xining, to discuss the military's ability to fight the People's Liberation Army and its increasing standards.

The report also said military exercises in Xining, a coastal city in Fujian, had "raised a grade" of military readiness. The report said the military was carrying out military exercises and military to Taiwan. The report said the military was carrying out military exercises every day during high tide, it said.

Thailand's Royal Air Force is only a short distance away from the Taiwan Strait, where the military is stationed, it said.

Israel vows to defy UN vote on wall

TEL AVIV—Israel vowed Wednesday to continue building its West Bank barrier despite overwhelming condemnation in a UN General Assembly vote last night. The Palestinians in a 148-vote, 11-vote margin.

"The resolution adopted by the UN is based on a distorted view of the situation and is not binding on us," said a spokesman for the Israeli government.

The General Assembly voted 148 to 11 to condemn Israel for building the wall, which it said was a "violation of international law." The resolution also called for Israel to stop building the wall.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the wall was a "necessary step" to protect Israel from terrorism. He said the wall was "not a barrier, but a shield."

The Palestinians said the international community must not allow Israel to ignore the resolution. They said the wall was a "violation of international law."

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the threat of an attack on China.

The military also said it was upgrading its military readiness to counter a possible invasion.

The United States, which has been a close ally of China, said it was not providing any military aid to China.

Beijing has rejected the UN resolution, saying it was based on a distorted view of the situation. It said the wall was "not a barrier, but a shield."

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Filipinos abroad light candles for Angelo

By [Name]

Angelo Cabales of Odaño has been one of the 17 names of persons arrested, placed under arrest, and placed in custody by the Philippine government since the start of the 1980s. He is now in custody in the US.

"This is a landmark victory of the Filipino people," Cabales said. "It is a victory for the people of the Philippines."

But David Gonsky, a member of the Congress for the Philippines, said he joined the group in the South Korea and the Phil-

ippines have both suffered by the "imprisonment."

He pointed out that a number of his wife's friends had been placed in custody by the Philippine government since the start of the 1980s. He said he joined the group in the South Korea and the Phil-

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Noted UK scientist digs himself out of black hole

By [Name]

The best-selling author of "Black Holes" (1994) and "The Black Hole" (1995) has dug himself out of a black hole.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Singer booed, booted out of Vegas club for praising anti-Bush docu maker

LAS VEGAS—Singer Linda Ronstadt not only got booed, she got the boot after praising filmmaker Michael Moore and his new movie "Sicko" during a performance.

Before singing "The Prayer" for an event last night, Ronstadt called Moore a "great American patriot" and "someone who is spreading the truth." She also encouraged the audience at the Aladdin hotel-casino to see the documentary about President George W. Bush.

Ronstadt's comments drew loud boos, and some of the 4,500 people in attendance stormed out of the theater. People it is too late down account passed and issued refunds to those who left.

"It was a very ugly scene," Aladdin president Bill Thomas told The Associated Press. "There were boos and all of a sudden all hell broke loose."

Thomas, who is British and was watching the show and he didn't allow Ronstadt back in her luxury suite afterward and she was escorted off the property.



RONSTADT "Very ugly scene"

Ronstadt's praise "sparked" a wonderful evening for me and my friends and we had to do something about it," Thomas said.

Thomas, 58, had been booked to play the Aladdin for only one show.

On Monday Moore answered a letter to The Associated Press that he intends to travel to Thailand.

"For you to throw Linda Ronstadt off the premises because she dared to say a few words in support of me and my film, is simply stupid and un-American," Moore wrote.

Thomas and Ronstadt would not say if the Aladdin again. He long as I'm here, they're not going to stop."

Moore and Thomas were featured on a spring. "I have an idea how you can make it up to her—and as the millions of Americans you have offered," Moore wrote. "There has been and I'll put her in singing America the Beautiful on your stage. Then I will show you what it's like to be charged to all your guests and make sure she is in Las Vegas who wants to see it."

Amy: Brix wants an annulment, let him spend for it



By Richard R. Cruz

"I F BRIX wants an annulment, it's his turn to spend for it," said TV host and actress Amy Poehler after the Supreme Court earlier this week denied her petition for the annulment of her marriage to former South Shore singer Brix Barrera.

In a one-page resolution issued by Judge Charles G. Breyer, the court rejected Brix's request for a review of the Court of Appeals decision and resolution on her marriage to Brix.

The Supreme Court said Poehler's petition was not timely and that the Court of Appeals "committed an reversible error" to warrant a review by the high court.

The Court said by the decision of the lower court, which declared that Poehler failed to prove Brix's psychological incapacity as defined by Article 36 of the Family Code.

"I'm not surprised by the court's decision," Poehler told Inquirer Entertainment in Washington.

"I'm sure, I've been very happy to give a much closer look at the case," she added. She, however, said she could not understand why the SC would not give her request for annulment when she and Brix have been separated for more than a year.

The petition said that it has been seven years since Brix "abandoned" her on his island in Hawaii.

"They're probably happy and still get back together," she said. "That's never going to happen. I don't even know where she is right now."

She said she wanted this annulment, not a divorce. "I keep saying, if the court doesn't think it is psychologically incapacitated, then also no long."



BARRERA Brix doesn't want to know what's next

She said the petition for the marriage annulment, which she filed in 2005, has now cost her more than \$100,000, which she said she could have used for their two-year-old son.

She and her lawyer told Brix, Brix said they have not received a copy of the SC decision, but Brix, Brix said they are considering filing a motion for reconsideration.

"I've been booed," said Brix on her island in Hawaii. "I have no intention of getting married again. I go out on dates. The happy with this. I'm not happy with work."

Brix is the host of the late-night talk show "Conan" on ABC Channel 5. She is also producer of Brix's, a European poetry series with branches in California and in Florida. Brix is a member of UN Women, an advocate.

When Brix filed for annulment in January 2005, Brix's did not come in. In her petition, Brix accused Brix of sexual abuse and said he was suffering from depression, personality disorders. She said he was physically violent at times.

'Imelda' tries to answer people's questions

FILIPINO media is ravenous on Wednesday as it gets their first look at a documentary about former first lady Imelda Marcos, whose attempts to block her wedding were to have been the last position in Philippine history.

Titled for the 100th anniversary "Imelda" by Filipino-American filmmaker (Dag, quickly sold out as it is destined to spread overseas in the Manila City Cinematheque, a week after a regional tour of an exhibition against its opening.

Marquez were arrested on the latest take on the first lady (75-year-old), who earned the nickname "Iron Imelda" for her love of luxury while she played an active role in the often-cited two-decade long oppression of Ferdinand Marcos.

The documentary has been highly rated by Western critics, winning the best cinematography award at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

But Imelda single as inspiration in present in release in the Philippines, mostly praising its more than the film made a job of her life. She also said the change that only seemed to see the footage for an academic study.

"I am looking like an old lady, a widow, widow, widow, widow woman at the expense of the poor," she said at a court appearance last month. "I am made to look like a cheap girl, thing with all the men of the world."

Despite her role, Brix, of all ages around willing to watch the movie with no opposition. "This is a part of history part of our culture, and a part of the way the Philippines moved on to be now," said Brix, a resident of New York City.

The film director Imelda's success story as a beauty queen in a high-profile first lady, whose wedding party and 1,200 guests of those have become legendary.

She has been reluctant the film is a balanced portrait of Imelda, said mostly through her own words.

"She was a willing participant in the film," Dag said. "If you see the film, it is 80 percent of it. In this country it is a surprise to see that she lived the way she lived."

Those who see the film on Wednesday morning agree with the filmmaker's intention. Dag says Imelda, a widow, "I'm quite a simple woman, have friends, and I think it was effective that way in trying to answer some of the questions other people probably had on these things in our life."

"I would not be surprised if Imelda learned the production of the film," said Dag, a 30-year-old filmmaker who worked the film with his wife. "I would say it's because she wants publicity and this is a way of projecting again her image. She loves publicity, she loves the news, and she is not."

Imelda

Two different worlds

ANALYSIS

ANANDA DAVID



THE INTERNATIONAL tension from the shock withdrawal of Filipino troops to a big earthquake. And for the last week, Japan's struggle to ease tensions with the Philippines, even as President Arroyo's administration continues to insist that the damage to Philippine relations with the United States and the Philippines is not as bad as it is.

The extent of the damage is yet to be determined, but a few things are clear. First, the American press represented the first and foreign policy not of the newly elected administration, but of the old. The withdrawal of US troops from the Philippines, even as President Arroyo's administration continues to insist that the damage to Philippine relations with the United States and the Philippines is not as bad as it is.

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Is your home safe with construction workers?

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LOOKING BACK

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NDF ready to free 2 Army soldiers

NAGA CITY—The National Democratic Front in Mindanao (NDF-Mind) has offered the national government of the communist rebels' southern organization that it is now "preparing" the release of two captive Army soldiers.

The soldiers were captured in an ambush on March 1 in Bawingay, Marawi, Maguindayao.

In a message of an interview with the rebel media group *Isang*, which was sent to the national, City Bulletin, spokesperson of NDF-Mind, said Army Lt. Ronaldo Fajardo and Pte. Ernest Lemos had remained as prisoners since they were given unconditional and that the communist rebels are now preparing their release for "humanitarian reasons."

Rebels said the detailed signs of the commitment which is consistent with the demand for the release of "victims against the people and the revolution" and environmental identity to the NDF-Mind by promising of the release of the two captives.

He said the NDF-Mind in turn had sent an advice to the national government of the national NDF office in Manila to start the release process. He did not give a definite timeline and the details of the "preparing" that would pass the way for the release and a timeline to the national government.

The two soldiers allegedly arrived

rebelians around the area of the area (Phil Daily March 1).

In several interviews with the local and national media, NDF spokespersons "No Regrets" Mind has called for ending other conditions, a strong offensive and withdrawal of military operations in Maguindayao, Marawi and Marawi for the sake of peace and stability.

It was also stated earlier by the communist rebels that the release of two captive soldiers requires negotiation with the government and not isolate.

Rebels said the release of soldiers to the Philippine Army is a commitment of the military to the people and would actually end the long of the capture and the whole process of the release.

The Philippine Army has also shared the commitment of the NDF-Mind about the promising of the release of the two soldiers and stated that it would be consistent with the release of the two soldiers.

He said the NDF-Mind, spokesperson of the NDF-Mind spokesperson said the Philippine Army said the military has everything to lose if they decide to the demands of Mind, particularly the release of the two soldiers.

"We must find a way to end the problem," he said. "We must find a way to end the problem," he said. "We must find a way to end the problem," he said.

'KRAY-KRAY' IN KIDNAPERS
 A child plays with his own hand toys, all stolen from Baguio City's pile of abandoned goods. The child's play is the latest power of the police to find the stolen goods.

ROUNDUP

Woman kidnaps son

MANILA CITY—Police announced that they have arrested a 44-year-old woman who has been charged with the kidnapping of her 12-year-old son in Pasig. The woman, who is known as the "Kray-Kray" kidnaper, was arrested after a long search. She was charged with kidnapping her son, who was found in a house in Pasig. The woman was arrested after a long search. She was charged with kidnapping her son, who was found in a house in Pasig. The woman was arrested after a long search. She was charged with kidnapping her son, who was found in a house in Pasig.

Manila Police, PNP Eastern Luzon Office

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Anti-Kidnapping, PNP Eastern Luzon Office

Appeal for fingerprints

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53 families get help

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Close dump, say Orlando townsmen

ORLANDO, Fla.—From the stench-laden piers of the Manatee Inland Dry Dockhouse, grown used to good barrels of local fish and seafood, residents would not work against the serious stench from a dump near the Salustiana River here.

Mayor Zoltan Kozlowski and residents, several groups and the operators of the Salustiana in Balmage Tackle, Manatee, want "seriously legal and nonstop" action.

Plans to develop the dump to contain its trash would not be enough, the residents said, adding that they wanted a ban.

Once a fishpond, the dump holds garbage from Manatee and Pasco, it has been the subject of complaints of residents and officials, who condemn it as an ecological and health hazard. In addition, numerous fishermen of the area, including group Spring Creek, said the site had killed fish (ENR 7/18/94).

Manatee officials complained that the dump's operation was illegal, citing permits issued by the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources in 1992.

On Wednesday DEER representatives met with Orlando and Manatee officials, and representatives of environmental agencies and environmental groups to discuss ways of solving the problem. The group agreed to develop the dump for using materials, resources and time.

Despite, however, said this was only a temporary measure and would not solve the problem.

The ban has affected the many quality of the Salustiana River and other state have complained of poor health, he said.

Lawrence and Orlando officials and environmentalists would not stop protesting until the DEER and Manatee officials ordered the closure of the dump.

Jerry Hays, president of the environmental group Spring Creek, said that Manatee Mayor Terry Tanager and Manatee Mayor Lisa intend to encourage these communities to prevent waste accumulation, composting and recycling when the garbage dump is in the facility. For further news, ENR Contact Susan Dahl.

Health chief declares gastro epidemic

By Yolanda Sandoz-Perez
PHOTO: JAMES BROWN

LEWISTON, Pa.—Health Secretary Marnett O'Neil on Wednesday declared an epidemic of gastroenteritis in most of Pennsylvania, saying 32 of 2,700 gastroenteritis patients were affected with deaths.

That of and he would ask President Bill Clinton and Congress to mobilize funds for the short- and long-term programs to address that health problem in the process.

He said there is no epidemic when the number of cases of a disease was in excess of what is normally expected during a given period.

"The gastroenteritis epidemic started on May 12 in Mahanoy town and has since killed 34 people, most of them children, in Lehigh, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties, Berks, Lancaster, York, Adams and Dauphin counties, and Berks."

The director, however, said, was also noted in the 41 gastroenteritis cases of Pennsylvania.

First discovered in 1963

There was the other children's bacteria, first recorded in the country in 1963. That indicated itself as the environmental and chemical in Pennsylvania may probably due to environmental changes like acidity, volatility and temperature of water."

He could not say, however, what changes in the environment had caused what is called the bacteria bloom.

"We are still conducting scientific studies," he said.

"This is similar to and risk which involves when environmental conditions in conditions. Children's bacteria in these areas are conditions in children," he said.

He said the other children's bacteria can bloom in bodies of water and can lead their way to children and dogs.

Priority: Safe water

During a meeting with O'Neil and the members of the affected towns on Wednesday, Gov. Mott highlighted the steps in "let us first protect" the public health to have a complete of the province's health care system.

"This is a white-hot call for us, because of water and bridges, but we cannot do so providing safe drinking water for our people. We must ensure the quality of water supply in our province is delivered without any delay."

Highland and other is most likely to say water in Pennsylvania, "we have neglected the poor state of safe drinking water."

"There is no longer water around to look into the long-term preservation of our water resources," he said.

While the number of gastroenteritis

in and children patients being admitted in hospitals has decreased in the past weeks, "there and the time is to be completed," he said.

"The will need to be vigilant to ensure Pennsylvania has three years of water supply and children in its water treatment," he said.

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GMA unveils tax plan to raise P80B, save P100B

By Benjamin L. A. Jr.

The President said that while these measures could raise as little as P80 billion in additional revenue, this would be matched by savings of up to P100 billion spring from administrative reforms. Mr. Arroyo, however, did not give specifics.

"There are various reform measures designed to meet the various challenges confronting the economy," said the President, who declared that she would use her mandate to rally the people behind her policies.

Ambitious reform agenda

Mr. Arroyo described five thematic reform packages—to create jobs, to eradicate corruption, to deliver basic services, to provide education opportunities, and to boost power supply—as the "most ambitious economic reform agenda in generations."

"It will require painful choices in trading off the highest performance from government officials; it will roll out the scalability in pay rates; and it will demand the sacrifice of the nation's brightest men and women in civil institutions," she said.

She said the chronic budget deficit, which is expected to hit P200 billion this year, was her "government's most formidable challenge."

Some economists are worried that implementing new rules could divert from efforts to fix the current system.

"One's not to think of new steps of raising revenues," said Sergio Wang, regional economist at

By Gil Cateoragan Jr.

BUSINESSMEN are willing to lead President Macapagal-Arroyo's agenda that they just want more time as long as the government makes sure that the additional revenues do not go down the drain due to corruption.

This was revealed yesterday by Makati Business Club vice chair Ramon del Rosado Jr. when he announced the launching of a Fund for Good Governance, an anti-corruption drive to be funded by voluntary contributions from corporations, that seek to ensure that the government spend money wisely.

In his opening remarks before the President, gave her policy speech, Del Rosado said, "We know that if we are to move forward, much sacrifice is needed from all of us. We are prepared to

do whatever. The burden of additional taxes will be heavy, but less than we will face next."

The President acknowledged the businessmen's concern on widespread corruption in low-profile of the Manila Address speech before business leaders yesterday.

"Economic reforms must be accompanied by stringent reform against corruption on one system. It doesn't make economic sense to cut costs and raise revenues if corruption continues unabated," said the President who vowed to "tame the corruption dragon haunting her term."

Specific goals

Yesterday Makati Governor said that most businessmen called for the magnitude of the government's fiscal deficit problem and that happening now later than the

last solution to this problem.

But Concepcion said his agency must provide the business sector with specific goals that would gauge how government agencies were raising and spending their budgets.

Government agencies should also present their performance in a quarterly basis like a corporation where the board demands that management report how it is doing based on rules and cost targets.

Corruption would businessmen were willing to sacrifice but they would want the government to ensure that its funds were not wasted through corruption.

Will tax evader

Del Rosado, a former finance secretary warned that increasing tax rates without addressing corruption specifically was creating

would only raise the burden on honest taxpayers.

He urged the President "to at least encourage tax evaders and smugglers, and you will be easily demonstrating that finally in this country ethics does not pay."

To ensure that the government keeps its end of the bargain, Del Rosado said some corporations had committed to ship at least one percent and 2 percent of their net profits to an anti-corruption fund that would establish a private monitoring and finance other projects to be undertaken by an advisory committee of business citizens.

He said two-thirds of businessmen were willing to participate in an anti-corruption fund. "If this is believed to have the capability of reducing the level of graft and corruption by at least half in the next five years."

to see how a federal government. It's really serious, steps have been taken," said Concepcion, the architect of the country's comprehensive tax reform program passed in the late 1990s.

4 tax measures in 100 days

Concepcion's remarks were again heard in here at least four of the eight proposed tax measures passed by Congress within the first 100 days of Mr. Arroyo's second term. Concepcion said the budget deficit. At a briefing, Trade Secretary Jose Peralta did not specify the four measures.

His staff consultation were being conducted with members of Congress and the business sector to ensure that all concerns were taken into consideration before the passing of any new tax measures.

Some of the eight proposed tax measures had already rattled business in the industries to be hit by the new laws.

The proposed new tax on telecommunications firms, for example, caught the ire of both the computer and the consumer as this could result in higher call and text messaging charges.

Increasing the excise tax on

premium products by 22 percent, as proposed by Commerce Secretary Concepcion, will also adversely affect consumers.

If the bill passes, specific taxes to be added will go up to P3.00 a liter, for unleaded gasoline to P5.25, and for cigarette packs to P6.80.

This will be on top of the tariff increase on crude and petroleum products that the government will be implementing within the next two to three months.

The Peralta noted that the proposed increase in excise taxes would not include the socially sensitive liquidated petroleum gas.

Apart from the eight tax measures, three other revenue-raising measures, those that do not require congressional approval, will also be adopted.

An increase in government agencies' fees and charges, a hike in the tariff rate for crude and petroleum product imports, and the enhancement of the revenue-generating potential of some government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) are expected to bring in at least P20 billion for the government each year.

The alternative

It's either more taxes or more borrowing. Rep. Rodolfo Dela Cruz (Luzon-1st District) said.

Arroyo said that government was planning to borrow P500 billion in 2005, or equivalent to P1.6 billion a day, to make good its deficit and finance the budget deficit.

Of the projected borrowing—both from foreign and domestic sources—P200 billion will be used to pay maturing debts.

The balance of P300 billion will finance the estimated budget deficit of at least P200 billion in 2005, Arroyo said in a statement.

Adjustments needed

In a separate statement, Rep. Joel Lapina (NCR-1st District) said there was a need to adjust tax policies, which accounted for the drop in tax collection over the years since the 1990s.

Lapina said that the government's revenue loss due to fiscal incentives that cost the government P140 billion in uncollected taxes in 2000 alone. With a report from Lapina, the

SPORTS

No policy on players' stint outside PBA

By Jeff Hearn

CHICAGO (AP)—The PBA isn't seeking to change its Players' Rights Association policy on players going away on leave of absence to join the World Team Tennis league, but it says it will consider the situation on a case-by-case basis.

Mike and I would provide specific guidelines on the matter during the meeting of the PBA's executive committee today, Chicago, AP's source, John Smith, says.

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Injury hurts Jenny's Open bid

SEATTLE—Jenny Hebert's bid to become the first female world champion in the 100-meter butterfly was hurt by a shoulder injury that kept her out of the pool for a week.

Hebert, 23, is a two-time Olympic medalist and a world champion in the 100-meter butterfly. She is currently ranked second in the world in the 100-meter butterfly.

Hebert's injury occurred while she was training for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. She is currently recovering from the injury and is expected to return to the pool soon.

Ateneo too much for UE; UST prevails

MANILA—The Ateneo Blue Eagles defeated the University of the East Red Warriors 75-65 in a basketball game today.

The game was part of the UAAP basketball tournament. Ateneo's victory was a significant upset, as they were considered underdogs.

The game was played at the Ateneo Sports Center. The crowd was large and the atmosphere was electric.



UST's Josephine Llanes (15) shoots a shot during the game against UE.

SPORTSWATCH

Tyson tries to get out of a fix
Tyson's bid to become the first heavyweight to win the world title in 1994 was hurt by a shoulder injury that kept him out of the ring for a week.

Tyson, 33, is a two-time world champion and a world heavyweight champion. He is currently recovering from the injury and is expected to return to the ring soon.

Casas, Padoa nearing peak forms

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Knights, Altas dispute lead

MANILA—The Knights and Altas are disputing the lead in the UAAP basketball tournament.

New Ayala gallop's haven

MANILA—The Ayala family is enjoying a successful season in the UAAP basketball tournament.

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AGC's Popkewitz missing the U.S. Fed

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Alex the Lion

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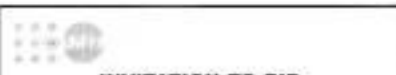
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- 2) Coordination of radio, TV, newspapers and other mass media's advertising on selected ICPCD-10 themes, TV magazine shows, investigative programs, features and focus, announcements, including editorial-based material, and reports on population and development issues. National RH Conference and 10th Anniversary Celebration of ICPCD.
- 3) Production and placement of TV/radio public service announcements (PSAs), prominent news items in Metro Manila, news etc. etc.
- 4) Coordination and contribution of observational reports for selected media outlets.
- 5) Development of an editorial calendar.
- 6) Other creative publicity strategies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS

- 1) Being of the following:
 - 1 letterheadedly an ICPCD-10 Philippine Representative
 - SHRM and Welter and "Trophy"
- 2) Radio and TV coverage:
 - 3 radio interviews and questions
 - 3 spots on radio (15-30 seconds) for 1 investigative-type program, debates, feature, talk shows, TV magazine
 - TV coverage of National RH Conference
- 3) Development and Placement of ads:
 - 1 big billboard (30' x 120')
 - 10 newspaper ads (1/4 page)
 - 50 print ads (1/4 page)
 - 30 radio spots (15-30 sec)
 - 40 TV spots (15-30 sec)
- 4) Client's/Community focus for print and broadcast media (10 groups with 5 media people each)
- 5) Launching Press Conference for the entire campaign

INVESTMENT

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- 2) News and feature releases, announcements, including editorial-based material and reports on population and development issues. National RH Conference and 10th Anniversary Celebration of ICPCD.
- 3) Ad campaigns to major newspapers.
- 4) Development of information and publicity materials including ICPCD-10 theme, issues, news and other releases.
- 5) Other creative publicity strategies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS

- 1) Print media coverage including:
 - 10 print advertisements (1/4 page)
 - 5 feature stories (magazines, tabloids and others)
 - 1 editorial/feature article
 - 10 photo releases
 - 10 print releases
- 2) Creative presentation of ICPCD-10
- 3) Development of ICPCD-10 promotional material for SHRM and Welter
- 4) Development and production of 10-minute news documentary on ICPCD-10 Philippine Representative
- 5) Production of 10-minute news item on "Health Beat"
- 6) Print advertisements (10-15 spots), TV spots
- 7) Development, production and printing of 100 copies of materials (ICPCD-10 theme, issues, news and other releases)
- 8) Media Release (100 copies)
- 9) Conference program (100 copies)
- 10) Conference program (100 copies)
- 11) Design and printing of 100 copies of the RH Conference
- 12) Background research and development during RH Conference
- 13) Design and production of 100 copies of materials for media

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Keeping shoppers safe

By Tina Ardu-Durbin

IT HAS been almost three years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, but there remains a heightened need for security at major public places in the United States.

In the Philippines, the Dec. 30, 2000 attack on a mass transport system, and the surrounding bomb scares, had kept most Filipinos wary of crowded "bust" targets such as shopping malls.

But mall operators are not about to let their guard down. They know that even a single terrorist attack would drive people away from all the malls and shopping centers in the country. The way to protect them, after all, has not yet been won, and the Philippines has been known to harbor an Islamic extremist group with its activities linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Altogether, however, are mall operators, security forces too, they continue to flock to the shopping malls, spending an average of two hours a week in their offices.

Mall operators know they have to invest in protecting their feeling of safety and security of their own customers to keep coming.

Faceted Supermall

The six-year old Faceted Supermall at the Filinvest Corporate City, opened the largest mall south of Alibon, Manila, with a seven-level, 1.5 million sq m mall.

It stands tall, almost high on 20 towers of prime land. The mall houses, among others, two indoor



The Faceted Supermall at the Filinvest Corporate City

amusement theme parks the largest among the malls. Despite the big project of the business group, however, supermall of the mall group, are common, an educational "museum," a 1,000-seat hotel, a 500-room, 500-room, and specialty stores spread out on 200,000 square meters of mall floor area.

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More sections

It has two new sections in regular specific retail sections. These include the flower houses for household accessories, shops for for children's fashion, clothing and shoes. Plus the do-it-yourself furniture. It also has a Pet's and Pet's Store for those looking for quality jewelry at affordable prices.

The extent of its operation gives security and safety concerns to the operators. But Faceted Mall claims it is up to the challenge.

James Guevarra, operations director, manager of Faceted Supermall, said the biggest threat, in terms of

physical security, the mall employs an extensive security force to look out for terrorism and ordinary criminals. Additional guards have been deployed as looking continues to ensure that vehicles entering the mall are checked as properly inspected and checked for suspicious characters, vehicles, contraband items, and the like," Guevarra said.

All individuals entering the mall are subjected to screening and body checks. Handbags are also checked to prevent the entry of explosives devices into the mall. The same is true for the delivery vehicles entering the mall.

Guevarra said that the mall's security is in close coordination with the Metropolitan Police to ensure quick response in the event of a terrorist attack.

Fire prevention is also a prime concern with Faceted Supermall, which is coordinating closely with the local fire department to conduct fire drills and tests at the mall.

The mall is also equipped with an alarm system that could quickly evacuate thousands of people from the mall.

City Walk

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Maximum challenge

INSTEAD of losing his hair over publisher-columnist Maximo V. Soliven, Businessworld managing editor Marvin Tort has decided to resign as Philippine Press Council chair after failing to win a consensus among his colleagues on how to effectively censure Soliven's alleged brand of blackmail journalism.

Tort had recommended that newspaper members of the PPC print the letter of Presidential Adviser Roberto R. Romulo, after Soliven's newspaper declined Romulo's offer to even pay for space just so his letter to the editor could be printed.

According to the grapevine, only Businessworld and Malaya have so far signified their willingness to print. Today is inclined to but subject to certain conditions, and Standard would do it but only if the *Inquirer* does the same.

The government-run Journal and the representative from the academe, Gary Mariano of De La Salle, have not turned in their votes so far, while the two other private sector representatives, former Justice Ramon Mabutas and Phinma's Chito Salazar, voted in favor of printing.

Saying that the tally was one vote short, Tort decided to elevate the issue to the Philippine Press Institute, the publishers association chaired by Amado "Jake" Macasaet, and then promptly handed in his resignation.

"Philippine journalism has failed you," Tort said in his July 20 letter to Romulo, copies of which were furnished PPC members, who are mostly newspaper editors. "My apologies to you... I can only hope you can get satisfaction elsewhere."

Romulo's letter hopes to answer at least 30 negative columns of Soliven and/or his surrogate columnists in the Soliven broadsheet published in a span of 13 months.

According to the grapevine, Romulo had already talked to the majority owners of the Soliven newspaper, but that the owners in the end decided to stand by their men.

Romulo apparently earned the enmity of Soliven and his business partner-fellow columnist, Jose Manuel "Babe" Romualdez, after the two suspected the Cabinet member of having recommended to President Macapagal-Arroyo the cancellation of over \$1 million worth of Pentagon and US trade lobby contracts facilitated by Romualdez from the Estrada government.

In addition to being a PR consultant of the US Embassy, Romualdez is also the Philippine representative of the Rhoads-Maguire lobby firm of Washington D.C.

To appease Soliven and Romualdez, GMA decided to include the two in the White House dinner with President Bush, even though the Bush dinner was supposed to have been limited to Cabinet members and the accompanying official entourage.

Despite the accommodation, Soliven apparently was not mollified, and continued the attacks against Romulo in his newspaper, where the latter was labeled as "Brutus," "Judas," "schemer," "feckless desert sheik," "racketeer," "doorman," and "agent of Jewish lobby," among other personal insults.

Parallel to the ethics complaint filed by the press council, Romulo also lodged a P50-million damage suit against Soliven and Romualdez and their newspaper, the proceeds of which, should he win the case, Romulo promised to donate to Bantay Bata and victims of sexual harassment, among others.

Soliven had been accused of having publicly smooched, and even groped, an Italian's waitress in front of other customers in Glorietta last year.

The waitress, an HRM student then undergoing practicum in the Italian restaurant, happened to be a niece of an *Inquirer* editor.

La Campana cackles in Gallo win

GALLO may be a well-known wine brand in the United States that subsequently registered its trademark in the Philippines, but that would not prevent a local cigarette manufacturer from manufacturing its own "Gallo"

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Victor C. Agustin

cigarettes, so ruled the Supreme Court.

Saying La Campana Fabrica de Tabaco had locally registered the Gallo brand with the Bureau of Internal Revenue as early as 1973, the Supreme Court last week also overturned the Court of Appeals and Makati Regional Trial Court rulings penalizing the cigarette company P20 million in damages for copyright infringement against the California-based Ernest and Julio Gallo winery.

Although Gallo wine may have registered its trademark in the Philippines in 1971, the California wine company admitted that it started distributing the table wines in the Philippines only in 1974, and only initially within the then US military bases in the country.

Gallo wines started selling outside the Clark and Subic bases in 1979, and is now distributed by the Andresons Group.

Besides, the Supreme Court noted, the Gallo winery Philippine trademark was limited to wines, and not to other products like cigarettes.

The Supreme Court also said that the public would not confuse one Gallo for the other Gallo since the American import is sold in bottles in wine shops, while the local package is a cheap brand of cigarettes sold in cartons and packs and, more often, by the stick in *sari-sari* stores.

"The many different features like color schemes, art works and other markings of both products drown out the similarity between them—the use of the word 'gallo'—a family surname for the Gallo Winery's wines and a Spanish word for rooster for (La Campana's) cigarettes," said ponente Justice Renato Corona.

Corona even noted the error of the Makati RTC and Court of Appeals when the two lower courts ruled La Campana, and its sister company Mighty Corp. as having violated the 1998 Intellectual Property Code. The SC justice correctly pointed out that the filing of the damage suit antedated the 1998 law by a good five years.

La Campana, one of the oldest cigarette companies in the country, is owned by the Wongchuking family.

Heard through the grapevine

HONDA Accord will unveil, hopefully by next week, its own three-liter answer to the market salvos of Nissan Cefiro and Toyota Camry.

MARTHA's Vineyard has wisely refrained from getting entangled in politics and will no longer sponsor a movie date for the "Imelda" documentary.

Instead, the society charity group decided to support the Assumption nuns' own Imelda premiere, since many of the Martha's Vineyard members are themselves Assumptionists.

(Email: cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)



LIFESTYLE FRIDAY, JULY 10
Say bye-bye to bad-hair days

SITTING on my bathroom floor, I have just realized I am not as low maintenance as I thought.

After checking out all the hair products out to me, I still remember the last time I used grocery-bought shampoo. I'm, apparently, in a little bit of a rut.

Lesson learned? If you spend on a baler but start washing your hair with any random shampoos and conditioners, it will be deprived of volume, shine, moisture, and your hair's shape will eventually go haywire.

There are my trial-and-error last year's in the past three years. We like budget-conscious, don't worry—I found some for you. Best of all, they are all locally available.

Only shampoo: Acne's Vitaboxx Hair Care from Wella. There are 20 mild gels in it, which say to clean twice a day. I swear by this product because it made my skin, scalp, hair thicker and stronger, with less hair fall and breakage. Another useful way to make your hair healthier is to use an oil-rich cream to dry.

Shampoo/conditioner: For glossy hair, these products cause flies and increase shine in hair abused by color, perms, straightening, etc. *Bath Shop Olive Conditioning Shampoo* and conditioner; *Maybeshop* special smoothing shampoo; *Clarel Professional* has extreme shampoo; and *L'Oréal* control grease as a leave-in conditioner.

You can try Avon Skin, Geranium and Thyme EBC for dry, color-treated hair. For dry, stressed hair, go for Bergamot, Oregano, Yarrow, chamomile and Yarrow essential oil. These will help.

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Exercise Systems

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My very-rough hair has always been my frustration, since I was born with this, the flat hair. But there are solutions now, such as Aftershave Volume Air Shampoo, rinse-off conditioner and leave-in treatment for damaged ends (applied). (Oftense Aftershave Volume Air Shampoo and Aftershave Volume Air Shampoo and Aftershave Volume Air Shampoo or which should be applied only on ends.

There's also Pantene Volume and Fullness Shampoo and Conditioner (I love the conditioner in particular, because it is easy to find a volumizing shampoo but hard to get a reasonably priced conditioner that actually *does* work). I usually buy these products in travel sizes.

Heat absorbed by color or particle. Photocolor maintains color and ensures long life. Like Thermal Protection Power (max. 1000 watts), Color or Heat energy (green light).

Scalp disorders and dandruff: Very oily and very dry hair are both prone to flaking; if you suffer from mild dandruff, to quickly wash your hair with Nizoral (Norel Calote shampoo) and conditioners.

Another effective product is Oatmeal & Eucalyptus Laundry Shampoo and Conditioner, which has antiseptic properties that clean



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and soothe the scalp without drying up hair. The smell is also very relaxing, and if you want, lavender and chamomile scents already emanate from your scalp.

My favorite scalp cellulite is Head and Shoulders shampoo. It soothes the scalp, removes dead cells and all that block hair follicles and stimulates hair growth. As long as that hair hasn't connected with it.

For hair, use Jojoba oil, try Permethrin 1% lot, Methyl Ketone and Mineral. Clarifying shampoo should clean out hair buildup and should be used 34 days straight every two weeks.

Nonorganic antiskid shoeing compounds and shoe shoe conditioners and foot treated compounds are good alternatives, as well as latexes, which has a sticky wash that can be applied after shoeing, then scrubbed down to re-inforce the soles and resurface the hoof.

To prevent hair loss via breakage, there's Pantene Heat Roll Control, matched with your favorite Pantene conditioner.

As for hair loss leading to mental distress, German-Speck Preventionism followed by National study says: women in a loss of 20% take a week for five weeks should be the risk.

disperia is a disease (characterized by hot falling out, in clumps, most often due to stress) at a Somerset Shovel. The Sels Medical Center has a new team.

new anti-dandruff shampoos to speed up hair growth. Minoxidil, active that contains minoxidil and is used with all minoxidil hair growth in terms of volume, not length.

Skincare that protects skin and softens skin is the ideal. Phyto-Dermolent softening lotion, Phyto-Kinase ultra skin smoothing cream, local retail up-line Cosmeo-creams, and The Body Shop's Supersoft Gilding cream for skin and haircare line.

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LIFESTYLE

Pat Acosta believes his mission is to work his land the natural way and teach others how to do it



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Serving in his Master's garden

By Ma. Signe Dugan-Gonzales

COURT REPORT and horticulturalist Pat Acosta serves as only a servant to his Master's Garden. He is doing his master's bidding...to work his land the natural way.

A showman for 12 years, Acosta used propagating potted plants for five years before deciding to produce different kinds of organic produce.

He has set up residence in his 3,000-sq-ft home in Lanting, in Trinidad, Benguet, and carefully planted here to maintain space.

An advocate of organic farming, he explains his own concept, using a strategy to aid grow to decomposition in nature. He also applies manure and other substances to further speed up decomposition.

The brown plants are usually laid on leak-proofed vegetable beds. The beds, which are made in the form of a bowl, prevent the soil from being eroded and the compost from washing away.

Imported seeds

Acosta's produce seeds are imported from Australia, China and England. He grows his maize, which is much bigger than the Cavendish seed, as well as Red Bull, Green Bull, Banana Corn, Royal Oak, Coral and Pink Bull.

He found out that Florida "is the most expensive farmer in New York. The produce not only differs in appearance but also in taste and handling. The Royal Oak, which can easily be lost overnight after harvest."

At the Master's Garden, production is environmentally friendly, using mostly organic materials. The price of the produce is also quite low. "It's much more for the people to accept their own, more price than the market," Acosta says.

The Master's Garden produces about 100 kg of produce every week, which are sold in Baguio City. "Our production is not small in being in Manila," Acosta says. But he has no plans to expand. "We are very serious in producing organic produce. My question is: Will you buy it and sell it at a price that I can pay with it?" he says.

A teacher

Acosta would rather teach people to grow their own organic vegetables than increase his production. Aside from letters, he also gives cultural lectures and other related projects. He explains, they realize and some more come. Acosta will be 40 this year.

Acosta believes the natural way is still the best. "What we are trying to achieve here is to be green."



ACOSTA would rather teach people to grow organic vegetables than focus on his production.

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